

active sites (and not the inactive sites) undergo graft polymerization is relevant to the recitation of "imagewise forming a region to initiate polymerization".

Applicants respectfully traverse the reaction for the following reasons.

The Examiner appears to think that a region having an ability to initiate polymerization is image-wise formed by image-wise exposure to light. However, the meaning of the term "region having an ability to initiate polymerization" is explained on page 19 of the specification in the present application. Specifically, it is disclosed: "the 'region having the ability to initiate polymerization' means 'a region where an initiator having an ability to initiate polymerization is image-wise fixed'". The cited reference does not teach image-wise fixation of the initiator having to initiate polymerization, and thus does not disclose, teach or suggest the presently claimed invention. Thus, the presently claimed invention is not anticipated.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

II. Conclusion


In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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